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# CLAREMONT

# Annual Town Report

FOR THE

## YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1873.

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FOR THE

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## TOWN WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Claremont in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House, in said town, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d. To bring in your votes for Governor, Councilor, Senator, Railroad Commissioner, Register of Deeds, County Treasury and County Commissioner.

3d. To bring in your votes for a person to represent the third District of New Hampshire in the Congress of the United States.

4th. To determine the number of Representatives the Town will choose the present year.

5th. To choose one or more Representatives to represent the Town in the General Court, to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday of June next.

6th. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

7th. To choose a High School Committee for the Stevens High School for the year ensuing.

8th. To raise by vote the necessary amount of money for the support of schools the ensuing year.

9th. To raise by vote the necessary amount of money for the repair of Highways and Bridges the ensuing year, and determine whether it be paid in labor or money.

10th. To raise by vote the necessary amount of money to defray the legal expenses of the town the ensuing year.

11th. To raise by vote the necessary amount to pay debts of the town.

12th. To determine what sum the town will pay Engine Men in addition to what they are entitled by law and raise by vote the necessary amount.

13th. To determine how the school money shall be divided among the several school districts of the town the ensuing year.

14th. To determine and raise the amount of money necessary for the support of Street Lights the ensuing year.

15th. To determine by vote the rate of discount, if any, the town will allow to persons paying their taxes within such periods as the town may limit in accordance with Sec. 17, Chap. 54, Gen. Statutes.

16th. To see what action the town will take with reference to the payment of one hundred thousand dollars, authorized by vote of the town, passed Aug. 24, 1866, and now claimed by the Sugar River Railroad, under a contract made with the Selectmen of the town, Jan. 5, 1870.

17th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to require the proprietors of the Sullivan Railroad to secure the crossing near the Junction, at the West part of the town, by a bridge over said road.

18th. To see if the town will choose a Committee to improve the New Cemetery and raise or appropriate money therefor.

19th. To see if the town will vote to repair the Tomb at West Claremont, and raise or appropriate money therefor.

20th. To see if the town will vote to accept the late Paran Stevens' bequest of Forty Thousand Dollars to the town of Claremont for the support of Stevens High School forever, as specified in said Stevens' last will and testament.

21st. To see if the town will vote to give the receipt and obligation of said town to the Executors of said Paran Stevens' will, that said sum ot forty thousand dollars shall be invested and the income be appropriated by said town for the support of said Stevens High School forever, and will make the said town responsible for the appropriation of such principle and interest thereof to the said purposes, and appoint an Agent or Agents to execute such receipt and obligation or other necessary instrument in behalf of said town.

22d. To choose a board of trustees or other proper officers or agents, to receive, invest and manage, in the name of said town, all sums of money or other property bequeathed to said town, by said Paran Stevens or other persons, for the support of said Stevens High School, and to determine the time of service of each of such trustees.

23d. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the support of Stevens High School for the ensuing year.

24th. To see if the town will vote to disannex the Homestead of Charles N. Freeman from District No. 15, and annex the same to District No. 17, and disannex the Homestead of Leonard N. Kempton from District No. 18 and annex the same to District No. 15.

25th. To see if the town will vote to rescind a vote passed Nov. 5, 1872, as follows: "Voted to build an open wooden bridge near the Sunapee Mill."

26th. To see what action the town will take in regard to rebuilding the bridge near the Sunapee Mill, and also the one near the Sugar River Mill, and determine what kind of structures they will build—whether of stone, iron or wood, and if of wood, whether open or covered bridges.

27th. To see if the town will vote to furnish the Town Hall and a janitor and pay for fuel and gas for all weekly meetings heretofore held, and which may be hereafter held by the "Claremont Reform Club."

28th. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to build a reservoir at some point on Central Street, to be determined by the Selectmen and Engineers, also on Pleasant Street, near the house of Geo. H. Stowell, and on Hanover Street.

29th. To see if the town will direct the Selectmen to

put Pleasant Street in proper repair, and widen that part between the Sugar River Railroad and the dwelling house of R. B. Lull, and construct suitable sidewalks upon the same.

30th. To see if the town will vote to have all bills endorsed by the Auditors before being paid by the Selectmen.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-second day of February, A. D. 1873.

WILLIAM E. TUTHERLY, FRANCIS LOCKE, C. H. AINSWORTH, } Selectmen of Claremont.

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## Chief Engineer's Report.

As Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, I respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March, 1873 :

The services of the Fire Department have been called into requisition three times the past year, once in the village, and twice outside the village.

I take this opportunity to express my thanks to Engine Company No. 4, for the promptness in getting their machine to the fire at Mr. John Blodgett's, and the energy they displayed in subduing it, with the inconvenience of getting water that they had to contend with. The department have two good hand engines, manned by two well organized companies, and plenty of good hose.

There has been one good reservoir built the past year near the Town House, a very important point. I would recommend the building of two or more the coming year, one near Obed Kempton's, on Pleasant Street, and one near the Methodist Church, on Central Street.

G. H. STOWELL.

March 1, 1873.

# Financial Report

FOR THE

## *Year Ending March 1, 1873.*

VALUATION OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1872.

| | | |
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| Real Estate, including factories and machinery, | 1,539,522 | |
| Personal Estate, | 500,533 | |
| 1041 Polls, at $100 each, | 104,100 | |
| | | $2,144,155 |
| Less amount exempt, | | 45,999 |
| | | $2,098,156 |

The rate of taxation is $1 57 on one hundred dollars in money, and 12½ cents in labor on highways.

The amount of tax required to be assessed by law, and by vote of the town, is as follows :

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For State Tax, | 4,602 00 | |
| County Tax, | 5,160 64 | |
| Schooling as required by law, | 5,369 00 | |
| Stevens High School, | 2,200 00 | |
| Teacher of Cornet Band, | 150 00 | |
| Building Bridge, | 2,500 00 | |
| Legal expenses, including Fire Department, | 4,000 00 | |
| Paying debts and interest, | 6,560 00 | |
| Support of Poor, | 500 00 | |
| Gas, | 300 00 | |
| Percentage about 4⅔ per cent., | 1,567 08 | |
| | | $32,908 72 |
| Tax on dogs, | | 197 00 |
| | | 33,105 72 |

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|---|---|
| School House tax in District No. 17, | 210 43 |
| School House tax in District No. 5, | 21 00 |
| | $33,337 15 |

## Receipts into the Treasury.

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|---|---|
| Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1873, | $431 56 |
| Cash from J. W. Bradley, ab't. Bank tax, 1868, | 661 37 |
| J. W. Bradley, interest, | 100 00 |
| State Bonds, | 24,800 00 |
| Balance from State in cash, | 33 33 |
| Interest on State Bonds to Jan., 1873, | 1,488 00 |
| Use of Town House, | 450 75 |
| County of Sullivan pauper account, | 863 62 |
| Savings Bank tax, | 3,818 66 |
| Literary Fund, | 295 40 |
| Railroad tax, | 68 93 |
| Circus License, | 30 00 |
| Rent Cemetery Land, | 127 50 |
| Fines, | 213 00 |
| Rent School Land, | 45 00 |
| Money drawn for land damage (owner unknown—held under trustee process,) | 100 00 |
| F. Clegg's note, &c., | 15 11 |
| Liquor Agent. | 256 34 |
| A. H. Danforth, collector, | 32,592 26 |
| | $66,390 83 |

## Disbursements.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For support of District Schools, | | $5,721,09 |
| " " Poor, | $1,292 77, | |
| Small pox expense in H. Fitch's family, | 504 85, | 1,797 62 |
| Interest on town debt, | | 4,588 28 |
| Ringing bells and Sexton's services, | | 262 50 |
| Repair of highways and bridges, | | 2,637 60 |
| Damage by dogs, | | 243 00 |
| Incidental expenses, | | 4,421 81 |

(Which includes expense in alterations and repairs upon Town House, by direction of

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| Committee, amounting to $944 31. Also, expense of laying and building new road, amounting to $1,454 20,) | |
| Town officers, | 1,522 24 |
| Paying town debt, | 5,500 00 |
| Building and repairing School Houses, | 240 00 |
| Abatement of taxes assessed on National Bank Stock in 1868, | 661 37 |
| Abatement of taxes assessed in 1871, | 257 48 |
| Abatement of taxes assessed in 1872, | 186 56 |
| Discount on taxes, | 417 17 |
| Fire Department, | 760 84 |
| Stevens High School, | 2,508 98 |
| State tax, | 4,602 00 |
| County tax, | 5,160 64 |
| | $41,489 18 |

## Incidental Expenses.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid George B. Farrington for making plan of bridge and expenses to B. Falls, 1871, | 6 00 |
| T. J. Lasier, for printing, | 21 50 |
| A. R. Cummings, certificates of deaths and births, | 5 00 |
| N. Tolles, do. do. | 10 75 |
| C. A. Volk, do. do. | 6 25 |
| L. B. Farr, brick for reservoir, | 58 40 |
| H. G. Case, damage to boat, &c., | 6 00 |
| A. Burrill, wood and labor for Town Hall, | 45 62 |
| A. S. Bartholomew, for stone, | 10 00 |
| C. Edson, labor laying stone, | 77 12 |
| J. Weber, for printing, | 37 15 |
| D. Thomas, labor surveying, | 1 00 |
| J. W. Bradley, sheriff fees, | 3 97 |
| C. P. Ellis, labor at cemetery, | 6 50 |
| E. L. Goddard, for three street lanterns, | 21 00 |
| A. C. Ward, work at cemetery, | 40 |
| O. D. Wetmore, land damage for 1871, | 25 00 |
| Claremont Manufacturing Co., printing town reports, 1871, | 79 00 |
| Claremont M'f'g Co. bricks, &c., | 10 55 |
| J. H. Rugg, cleaning and repairing street lamps, | 6 35 |

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| E. Mitchell, damage on highway, | 10 00 |
| E. Neal, damage and drawing stone, | 7 70 |
| H. Baker, labor on Selectmen's room, | 3 25 |
| E. Ainsworth, wood for Town Hall, | 75 00 |
| G. A. Stone & Co., repair on Town Hall, | 18 60 |
| R. R. Bowman, damage on highway, | 2 50 |
| J. K. Egerton and others, land damages, | 532 00 |
| A. B. Willey, for leader of Cornet Band. | 150 00 |
| F. S. Chellis, gravel, watering trough, &c., | 14 50 |
| Thos. J. Lasier, printing Superintending School Committee's notices, | 2 50 |
| L. M. Goward, use of watering trough, | 3 00 |
| A. Hunt, for posts, | 16 00 |
| J. H. Rugg, burners and labor for street lights, | 4 15 |
| S. Glidden, journey to Unity, 1871, | 2 50 |
| T. K. West, use of watering trough two years, | 6 00 |
| J. Hendee, making reservoir covers, | 7 00 |
| G. H. Tuttle, labor laying stone, | 31 00 |
| H. C. Fitch, piping lobby, | 8 50 |
| C. Benton, building road, | 156 00 |
| S. W. Nevers, services at fair, | 10 00 |
| G. G. Clark, for posts, | 4 20 |
| Wm. Bailey, for stationery and books, | 14 42 |
| H. B. Jenkins, wood for Selectmen's room, | 4 00 |
| H. Walker, building road, | 766 20 |
| A. C. Ward, labor on cemetery, | 5 25 |
| John Johnson, damage on highway, | 40 00 |
| C. L. Severance, for labor and material building road, | 12 65 |
| C. O. Eastman, insurance policy on cemetery house, | 6 25 |
| N. W. Brown, services at fair, &c., | 13 00 |
| A. Straw, " " | 10 00 |
| Wm. P. Bartlett, for labor and stone, | 66 25 |
| W. E. Tutherly, cash for labor to sundry persons, | 32 75 |
| T. B. Fletcher, use of watering trough, | 3 00 |
| C. E. Albee, repairing tools, | 7 75 |
| A. D. Johnson, for drawing stone, | 87 50 |
| A. S. Spearin, stone and labor drawing, | 54 50 |
| A. H. Danforth, fees and sum. witnesses, | 20 47 |
| Walter Stevens, damage on highway, | 1 00 |
| R. B. Lull, damage on highway, | 2 25 |

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| Monadnock Mills, lumber, | 5 66 |
| J. & G. Rowell, painting signs, &c., | 3 17 |
| J. W. Pierce & Co., rope and nails, | 5 35 |
| T. J. Lasier, for printing, | 10 00 |
| E. W. Tolles, for lumber, | 3 00 |
| Haskell & Tolles, for repairing piano and lanterns, | 1 90 |
| L. D. Hall, labor repairing roof of Town Hall, | 1 00 |
| H. L. Hubbard, fees and sum. witnesses, | 34 44 |
| Geo. H. Stowell, materials for repairing lobby and Town Hall, &c., | 46 04 |
| S. M. Wood, services at fair, | 7 25 |
| C. E. Baker, certificates of deaths and births, | 2 25 |
| G. B. Farrington, expenses to Newport to examine bridge, | 1 00 |
| Claremont Stationery Company, paper, &c., | 1 41 |
| A. T. Batchelder, fees in criminal suits, | 11 51 |
| Ira Colby, Jr., term fee in trustee suit and advice, | 13 00 |
| E. C. Watson, damage on highway and moving derrick, | 4 50 |
| H. P. Shedd, rent of cemetery land, | 6 00 |
| F. Whitcomb, use of water trough, | 3 00 |
| J. H. Rugg, labor on street lamps, | 1 75 |
| C. H. Long, book-case, | 5 00 |
| G. H. Hart, damage on highway, | 3 50 |
| A. Burrill, labor at Cemetery, and Town Hall, | 16 50 |
| Ira Colby, Jr., land damage laying out highway, 1870, | 25 00 |
| H. L. Hubbard, for quilts for lobby, | 2 75 |
| L. W. Watriss, making grapples, &c., | 5 70 |
| C. C. Royce, damage on highway, | 3 00 |
| O. J. Brown, " " | 8 00 |
| Wm. Clark, stationery, | 2 80 |
| F. Locke, damage for laying road, | 1 25 |
| C. H. Ainsworth, expenses to B. Falls and Newport, | 2 60 |
| W. E. Tutherly, expenses to Concord, Lebanon, &c., | 28 12 |
| J. P. Upham, castings, labor, &c., for Stevens High School, | 10 87 |
| J. H. Rugg, for lighting street lamps, | 60 00 |
| H. C. Fitch, gas for Town Hall, | 273 50 |

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| H. C. Fitch, gas for street lights, | 206 50 |
| For alterations and repairs on Town House, by Town House Committee, | 944 31 |
| T. J. Lasier, for printing, | 10 98 |
| | $4,421 81 |

## Fire Department.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Engine men, | 443 55 |
| Sullivan Machine Co., repairs on hydrant and engine, | 21 40 |
| Monadnock Mill Co., pipe for reservoir, | 28 74 |
| Joseph Tie, labor on reservoir, | 9 00 |
| Cutler Edson, " " | 3 70 |
| John Brooks, " " | 18 00 |
| F. Locke, cash paid for labor on reservoir, | 69 40 |
| A. S. Spearin, stone for reservoir, | 2 50 |
| C. H. Parmalee, steward Engine Co. No. 4, | 4 00 |
| J. T. Little, painting and sanding covers to reservoirs, | 2 50 |
| J. H. Rugg, services as steward, No. 3, | 7 00 |
| H. C. Fitch, labor on water pipe, | 1 50 |
| M. R. Emerson, cash paid E. H. Jacques, 1865, | 5 00 |
| J. Sparling, labor at engine house, | 1 30 |
| C. Edson, labor on reservoir, | 2 00 |
| J. H. Rugg, services as steward and labor, | 19 10 |
| E. J. Bowen, repairing hose, | 1 00 |
| G. H. Stowell, cement, wood, &c., | 95 15 |
| T. Dart, hose leathers, | 2 50 |
| J. Sparling, labor drying hose, | 2 25 |
| C. H. Parmalee, services as steward, | 19 75 |
| Stowell & Hapgood, for horses to draw engine, | 1 50 |
| | $760 84 |

## Town Officers.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Dudley T. Chase, services as Moderator, | 5 00 |
| Henry Colby, services as Selectman, 1871, | 16 87 |
| R. H. Jewett, Special Police, | 3 75 |
| A. H. Danforth, Tax Collector, | 200 00 |

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| S. F. Rossiter, Selectman, 1872, | 20 00 |
| J. S. Blood, Police service, | 12 50 |
| G. W. Fitch, " | 36 62 |
| H. L. Hubbard, " | 43 50 |
| L. W. Watriss, " | 12 00 |
| J. M. Whipple, Treasurer, | 75 00 |
| Wm. Clark, Town Clerk, | 45 00 |
| " " Liquor Agent, | 200 00 |
| F. Locke, Selectman, | 254 25 |
| " " Overseer of Poor, | 50 00 |
| C. H. Ainsworth, Selectman, | 205 00 |
| Wm. E. Tutherly, " | 321 75 |
| D. W. Johnson, Auditor, 1872, | 10 50 |
| A. Dickinson, " " | 10 50 |
| | $1,522 24 |

## Liquor Agent's Report.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Value of liquor on hand, Mar. 1, 1873, | $271 50 | |
| Cash paid Town Treasury, | 256 34 | |
| | | $527 84 |
| Value of liquor on hand, Mar. 1, 1872, | $238 14 | |
| Agents Salary, | 200 00 | |
| | | 438 14 |
| Profit to the town, | | $89 70 |
| Amount received for sales of liquors and casks, | | $1,386 76 |
| " paid for liquors and freight, | $1,130 42 | |
| Cash paid into Treasury, | 256 34 | |
| | | $1,386 76 |

WILLIAM CLARK, Town Agent.

## Pauper Account.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Amount due from County, Mar. 1, 1872, | $97 65 | |
| " drawn from town Treasury, exclusive of expense of small pox case, | 1,292 77 | |
| | | $1,390 42 |

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| By Cash received from County, | $863 62 | |
| Amount due from county, Mar. 1, '73, | 83 41 | |
| | | $947 03 |
| Net cost to town for support of poor, | | $443 39 |

## Small Pox Expenses—Mar. & April, 1872.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. Tatro for nursing Mrs. Herbert Fitch 49 days @ $2.00, | $98 00 | |
| Thos. Clagg for do. 30 days @ $1, | 30 00 | |
| Maria Fitch for boarding H. Fitch and children, | 37 40 | |
| G. W. Harris for meat for do., | 19 45 | |
| J. W. Peirce & Co. for sundries for Fitch family, | 60 00 | |
| N. Tolles and Son for medical services for 52 days @ $5.00, | 260 00 | |
| | | $504 85 |

## Stevens High School.

EXPENSES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Cash paid Teachers, | $2,548 32 | |
| Janitor, | 200 00 | |
| for fuel and gas, | 248 71 | |
| for books, apparatus, printing and stationers, | 134 36 | |
| for repairs on building, | 150 25 | |
| for Memoriam expenses to the late Paran Stevens, | 115 36 | |
| for sundries, | 33 86 | |
| | | $3,430 86 |
| Balance in hands of O. B. Way, Treas., | | 33 50 |
| | | $3,464 36 |

RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Cash from Town, | 2,500 00 |
| Trustees of Stevens Fund, | 800, 00 |
| Tuition, | 157 00 |
| sale of Books, | 1 75 |

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| Balance from last year, | 5 61 | |
| | | $3,464 36 |

## Public Schools.

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|---|---|---|
| Amount of money raised by law, | $5369 00 | |
| Amount of Literary Fund, | 295 40 | |
| Amount of School land rent, | 45 00 | |
| Amount of Railroad tax, | 11 48 | |
| | | $5720 88 |
| Paid Supt. School Com., | | 125 00 |
| Net amount expended for public schools, | | $5595 88 |

Which by vote of the town was divided—$75 to each district, and the remainder by the scholar, giving to 1216 scholars, $3.43 each.

| Dist. | Scholars. | Amount. | Dist. | Scholars. | Amount. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. 1 | 350 | 1,275 50 | 12 | 16 | 129 88 |
| 2 | 47 | 236 21 | 13 | 17 | 133 31 |
| 3 | 31 | 181 33 | 14 | 19 | 140 17 |
| 4 | 34 | 191 62 | 15 | 165 | 640 95 |
| 5 | 30 | 177 90 | 16 | 9 | 105 87 |
| 6 | 15 | 126 45 | 17 | 263 | 977 09 |
| 7 | 48 | 239 64 | 18 | 36 | 198 48 |
| 8 | 15 | 126 45 | 19 | 10 | 109 30 |
| 9 | 52 | 253 36 | | | |
| 10 | 9 | 105 87 | | 1216 | $5595 88 |
| 11 | 50 | 246 50 | | | |

## Funded Debt.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Town bonds outstanding, March 1, 1872, | | $77,000 00 |
| drawn January 1, 1872, paid | | |
| July 1, 1872, | $2,000 00 | |
| purchased Jan. 1, 1873, | 2,400 00 | |
| " March 1, 1873, | 1,100 00 | |
| | | $5,500 00 |
| Bonds outstanding March 1, 1873, | | $71,500 00 |
| Coupons due and unpaid, | | 84 00 |
| Accrued interest from Jan. 1, '73, to Mar. 1, '73 | | 715 00 |
| Total amount due on bonds, | | $72,299 00 |

LIABILITIES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Bonded debt, | $72,299 00 | |
| Unpaid orders, (damage to sheep,) | 212 00 | |
| | | $72,511 00 |

ASSETS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| N. H. State bonds at par, | $24,800 00 | |
| Interest from Jan. 1, 1873, to Mar. 1, 1873, | 248 00 | |
| Due from County, | 83 41 | |
| Due from rent of Cemetery land, | 31 25 | |
| Balance in Treasury, | 311 88 | |
| Due from Collector on Tax bills, '72 | 1,669 21 | |
| | | $26,943 75 |
| Indebtedness less assets, | | $45,567 25 |

## Stevens High School Fund.

There is now in the hands of the Trustees the sum of $10,000.00 invested on Real Estate security at eight per cent. ; also, the further sum of $898.17 deposited in Sullivan Savings Institution, the income of which is probably all that will be realized for the current year towards the support of the school.

WILLIAM E. TUTHERLY,
FRANCIS LOCKE,
C. H. AINSWORTH, } Selectmen.

We have examined the foregoing account of the Selectmen of the Town of Claremont, and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

Claremont, N. H., March 3, 1873.

AURELIUS DICKINSON,
DUDLEY T. CHASE,
EDWARD L. GODDARD, } Auditors.

## Estimate for 1873.

The Selectmen recommend raising the following sums for the year ensuing, in addition to the amount required to be raised by law:

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| For repairing highways and bridges, (in money,) | $2,000 |
| Support of Poor, | 500 |
| Payment of debt and interest, | 6,500 |
| Incidental expenses, | 3,000 |
| Stevens High School, | 3,000 |
| Fire Department, | 1,000 |
| Street Lights—Gas, | 300 |

WILLIAM E. TUTHERLY,
FRANCIS LOCKE, } Selectmen.
C. H. AINSWORTH,

# Report of Supt. School Committee

## OF THE TOWN OF CLAREMONT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1873.

GENTLEMEN: In presenting my report for the year just past I have nothing *new* to bring to your notice. A glance, however, at some figures which I shall present, will, I think, convince you that there is something wrong, which might and ought to be righted.

The question of abolishing the districts, and placing the whole town under the control of one board of education, has been well and fully presented by a former superintendent, and we agree with and would enforce all that has been said in favor of the measure. The districts out of the village limits would not alone be benefitted by the change. We have in the village three so called Grammar Schools, but no one of them is properly of that grade, and there is not, in the whole village, more than enough material for *one* properly graded Grammar School.

One such school as we might have, if the districts were abolished, would "fit" enough candidates for the High School to keep that institution well filled, without lowering its standard from what it should be. It is true that the village districts mightbe united with great advantages to the village, but that would not help the rest of the town. So long as we have districts with so few scholars, (and, consequently, so little money,) that a teacher must be hired for $2.50 per week and board, in order to have twenty weeks of school in a year, just so long shall we have schools of the very lowest order.

Another trouble under the present system consists in getting proper returns from the districts. Prudential committees seem to know or care very little for the require-

ments of the School Laws. With regard to the school register the law is as follows :

"Every teacher, at the close of his school, at the end of each term thereof, shall make a return of such Register or Record to the School Committee of the town, who shall give to him a certificate thereof; and no teacher shall receive payment for his services until such certificate is produced and delivered to the Prudential Committee."—(*General Statutes*, Chap. 81, Sec. 15.)

In but two or three instances during the past year has this law been complied with ; the result is that Registers are returned three or six months after the term has closed, by mail or messenger, but partially filled out, so that it is impossible to make the return to the State Superintendent required by law.

The office of Superintendent, under existing circumstances, is very much more in name than in anything else. True, it is vested with some arbitrary power, like that of expelling teacher and scholars ; but it falls short in other respects. The Superintendent cannot control a dollar of the school money ; no matter how much any school may need a reference book, mural charts or other illustrative apparatus, the superintendent can only advise the prudential committee to get the same ; while the prudential Committee may think because they were not in school when he was a boy they are not needed now.

Were the whole town under the control of one board of education this trouble would be removed. What I wish particularly to call your attention to, is the astonishing difference between the whole number of scholars in the town, and the average attendance of the schools. The whole number of scholars in the town, exclusive of district No. 17, is 953, while the average attendance during the Summer was 368, or 38 5-9 per cent. of the whole.

In District No. 1 it was still worse. The whole number in this district is 350, while the average attendance during the Summer term was 119, or 34 per cent. of the whole. The average attendance during the Summer was larger than the rest of the year, so that, taking the whole year, the comparison would be still more unfavorable.

The average expenditure of money per scholar for the whole number of scholars was $4.96, while the expenditure per scholar for the average attendance was $12.86.

It would not appear from this that the scholars of the town attended school the number of weeks required by law, or even one half of that term. There has been no trouble of any magnitude in any of the schools; most of the teachers have been competent and given satisfaction.

Some Winter schools have had female teachers that should have had male teachers, and some unpleasantness has resulted from this fact.

HENRY TUCKER, Supt. of Schools.

Claremont, N. H., March 3, 1873.

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NOTE.—This * indicates that the term has not closed; this † that the register has not been returned.

| No. of District. | Names of Prudential Committee. | Am't of money. | Department. | Summer, Fall and Winter. | Names of Teachers | No. of scholars | Average attendance. | Length school in weeks. | No. of scholars in District. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Wm. Clark, | $1275 50 | Prim | S | Mary W. Putnam... | 73 | 49 | 12½ | 350 |
| | | | | F | .... do.....do..... | 41 | 32 | 12½ | |
| | | | | W | .....do.....do..... | * | | | |
| | | | Gram. Inter. | S | Kate M. Rossiter... | 46 | 40 | 12 | |
| | | | | F | .....do .....do..... | 35 | 33 | 12 | |
| | | | | W | ..... do ..... do..... | * | | | |
| | | | | S | Mary Etta Colby... | 35 | 30 | 12½ | |
| | | | | F | Abby E. Read..... | 32 | 26 | 12½ | |
| | | | | W | Marshall Rossiter.. | * | | | |
| 2 | Daniel Farnsworth | 236 21 | ..... | S | Elsie A. Burnham. | 18 | 13 | 7 | 47 |
| | | | | W | O. W. Burnham..... | | | | |
| | | | | " | Agnes J. Graves.... | 19 | 10½ | 16⅝ | |
| 3 | V.C.Paddock | 181 32 | ..... | S | Clara E. Densmore | 15 | 11 | 10 | 37 |
| | | | | W | Ida M. Lord..... | 15 | 8⅓ | 13 | |
| 4 | H. G. P.Cross | 191 62 | ..... | S | Mary J. Sanborn... | 23 | 19 | 12 | 34 |
| | | | | W | Fannie G. Patrick. | 23 | 17 | 11 | |
| 5 | Gordan Way, | 177 90 | ..... | S | Ellen E. Elliott.... | 15 | 12 | 12 | 30 |
| | | | | W | Flora M. Horton.... | * | | | |
| 6 | M. V. Merrill, | 126 45 | ..... | S | E. Lavon Walker.. | 10 | 9 | 10 | 15 |
| | | | | W | Flora G. Smith..... | 12 | 10 | 10 | |
| 7 | Mel. Proctor, | 239 64 | ..... | S | Flora E. Bailey..... | † | | | 48 |
| | | | | W | Ellen E. Elliott..... | 31 | 26 | 17 | |
| | | | | " | J. W. Deane, Jr.... | * | | | |
| 8 | I. H. Long, | 130 45 | ..... | S | Charlotte B. Long.. | 8 | 5 | 12 | 15 |
| | | | | W | .....do ..... ..do..... | 7 | 6 | 12 | |
| 9 | C. Edson, | 253 36 | ..... | S | Sarah L. Morrill... | 27 | 21 | 10 | 52 |
| | | | | F | .....do.....do..... | 23 | 18 | 12 | |
| | | | | W | .....do.....do..... | 23 | 20 | 12 | |
| 10 | C. L. W. Thomas, | 105 87 | ..... | S | Edna J. Pope..... | 4 | 3 | 8 | 9 |
| | | | | W | L. L. Spaulding..... | 5 | 4 | 10 | |
| 11 | S. N. Bartlett, | 246 50 | ..... | S | G. H. Tutherly..... | 27 | 22 | 8 | 50 |
| | | | | F | Marshall Rossiter.. | 27 | 25 | 7 | |
| | | | | W | Perley L. Sanborn. | 27 | 21 | 8 | |
| 12 | P. Haubrich, | 129 88 | ..... | S | Clara A. Haubrich. | 12 | 10 | 6½ | 16 |
| | | | | F | .....do.....do..... | 12 | 10 | 10 | |
| | | | | W | d.....o.....do ..... | 12 | 9 | 6 | |
| 13 | W. Chaffin, | 133 31 | ..... | S | Carrie Wightman... | 10 | 8 | 11 | 17 |
| | | | | W | Imogene E. Barnes | 14 | 9 | 14 | |
| 14 | E. S. Ayres, | 140 17 | ..... | S | Luella M. Freeman | 10 | 9 | 10 | 19 |
| | | | | F | .....do.....do..... | 10 | 8 | 8 | |
| | | | | W | .....do.....do..... | 15 | 14 | 8 | |
| 15 | Albert Straw, | 640 95 | Prim | S | Bell H. Lewis..... | 46 | 37 | 10 | 165 |
| | | | | F | Marrion Lewis .. | 47 | 39 | 8 | |
| | | | | W | .....do.. .....do..... | 44 | 37 | 8 | |
| | | | Gram. | S | Annie E. Bliss..... | 25 | 20 | 10 | |
| | | | | F | .....do.....do..... | 25 | 20 | 8 | |
| | | | | W | .....do.....do..... | 25 | 22 | 8 | |
| 16 | G. P. Rossiter | 105 87 | ..... | S | Sarah D. Rogers..... | 5 | 4 | 8 | 9 |
| | | | | W | Mary E. Whitcomb | 6 | 5 | 13 | |
| 18 | I. Blanchard, | 198 48 | ..... | S | Frank M. Bailey..... | 13 | 12 | 10 | 36 |
| | | | | W | Flora E. Bailey..... | 19 | 12½ | 16 | |
| 19 | G. C. Grannis | 109 30 | ..... | S | Martha Grannis..... | 9 | 6⅔ | 10 | 10 |
| | | | | W | .....do .....do..... | 5 | 3 | 12 | |

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